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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2002 (Paper No. 5), Applicant, through her attorney, elects Species III. The claims that read on the Species of Fig. 7 are as follows: 1-3, 5-13, and 15-19.

Respectifully submitted

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